
**ALASKA LEGISLATURE
2009 SALARY AND
BUSINESS EXPENSE
REPORT**

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This report includes amounts paid to Legislators and legislative directors, or to third parties on their behalf, during calendar year 2009, by:

**Legislative Affairs Agency and
Division of Legislative Audit**

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SALARY

1. Salary (Part A, column seven)

AS 24.10.120 provides that each member of the Legislature receive a salary of \$2,001 per month or \$24,012 per year. The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives are each entitled to an additional \$500 a year during tenure of office.

- a. Salary amounts for Presiding Officers should not be compared with other Legislators as they receive an additional \$500 annually.

BUSINESS EXPENSE

Legislators receive various business expenses and reimbursements during the calendar year to cover costs incurred in the performance of their duties. The majority of these expenses are paid directly to third parties. The remainder are reimbursed to Legislators for receipted expenditures.

2. Business Expense Allowance (Part A, column five)

Legislators receive an annual allowance. Senators receive \$10,000 and Representatives receive \$8,000. The allowance is administered as an accountable or non accountable plan at their option. A non accountable plan allows the allowance to be issued in a lump sum from which taxes, Supplemental Benefits System, and Medicare deductions are withheld. An accountable plan allows an allowance account to be set up in the Legislative Affairs Agency from which business expenses are paid. Deductions by the federal and state government are not required under an accountable plan. The allowance is for postage, stationery, stenographic services and other expenses.

3. Relocation Expense Reimbursement (Part A, column two)

Legislative Council policy provides that the 57 Legislators who are required to move to and from Juneau for the 90 day session be reimbursed for the expenses of relocating to the capital city for the session. This reimbursement or payment of expenses covers the cost of mileage and transporting the Legislator, spouse and dependents to the capital. Each Legislator is entitled to move 10,000 lbs. of personal goods. The amount of reimbursement to each Legislator varies depending on the method of transportation available to a Legislator and the weight of the personal goods that a Legislator is required to move to Juneau. It is more expensive to ship a car by trailer or van than to drive a vehicle to Juneau. Legislators relocating their family may be required to move two vehicles.

- a. Juneau Legislators do not receive a relocation allowance. Their totals should not be compared with non Juneau Legislators. Relocation allowances for other Legislators paid during 2009 range from \$128.57 to \$36,395.95.
- b. Legislators from different areas of the State are reimbursed varying amounts for their relocation expenses due to the distance to Juneau from their election district. Relocation reimbursement amounts for Legislators from different election districts should not be compared to each other.
- c. Legislators may or may not relocate their families to Juneau for the session. The relocation allowance amount for Legislators who move their families to Juneau should not be compared to Legislators who do not relocate their families to Juneau.
- d. Legislators with large families who relocate to Juneau should not be compared to single Legislators or those with small families as the relocation reimbursement reflects the amount associated with paying the relocation costs for all family members.

PER DIEM REIMBURSEMENTS

4. Session Per Diem Reimbursement (Part A, column four)

Legislators are reimbursed a per diem for lodging and meal expenses during a session. During the regular session held in capital city, the 57 Legislators whose place of permanent residence is not Juneau were reimbursed \$189 per day from January 20, 2009 through April 19, 2009. Juneau Legislators received \$141.75 for these same dates. During the first special session held in Anchorage, Legislators whose place of permanent residence is not Anchorage were paid \$278 per day for August 10, 2009. Anchorage Legislators received \$208.50 for this date. In 2009, the 26th Legislature convened for 90 days in regular session and one day in the first special session.

- a. Regular session per diem amounts received by Juneau Legislators should not be compared to session per diem amounts received by Legislators whose place of permanent residence is not Juneau as the daily rates are lower for Juneau Legislators.

5. Long Term Per Diem Reimbursement (Part A, column one and six)

- a. Interim

Legislators may claim a daily long term per diem for being on legislative business during the interim. The long term per diem rate is \$150 per day and is set by Legislative Council. To qualify for interim per diem, a Legislator must attend a meeting for a legislative or public purpose, or spend at least four hours of that day on legislative and constituent business. Part B of this report indicates the dollar amount of long term per diem claimed by calendar year.

- i. Claiming long term per diem is at the Legislator's discretion and the amount claimed varies widely among individual Legislators.

ii. Legislators are reimbursed for travel and mileage expenses in their district. These amounts differ by Legislator depending on the size and diversity of the district represented. Travel reimbursements for Legislators who represent large geographic districts with widely distributed populations should not be compared to travel reimbursements for Legislators from small geographic districts that contain populations in only one or a few communities.

b. Session

i. Legislators in travel status to their place of permanent residence during the session may be reimbursed for travel costs.

ii. Legislators in travel status to their place of permanent residence during the session may claim actual lodging expenses. Claiming expenses is at the Legislator's discretion and subject to approval by a Presiding Officer.

In any given year the amount reimbursed for travel expenses is dependent on the need for a Legislator to return home to meet with constituents or conduct official business.

c. Travel

Legislators are entitled to receive long term per diem for: the day of return from an overnight trip; for same day travel of more than four hours; and for any day of legislative business of more than four hours. Long term per diem must be specifically requested by the Legislator.

i. Claiming long term travel per diem is at the Legislator's discretion and is subject to approval by a Presiding Officer or one of the Chairs of the Legislative Finance Committee or the Chair of the Legislative Budget and Audit Committee. Amounts vary widely between Legislators depending on days claimed and authorized.

6. Short Term Per Diem Reimbursement - federal rate, varies depending on location and time of year (Part A, column one)

Legislators in travel status to a place other than their place of permanent residence are reimbursed a short term per diem rate or actual lodging expenses plus a meal allowance to cover costs associated with their business travel.

- a. Legislators have differing official responsibilities and their travel and mileage reimbursement figures vary greatly.

7. Other Business Expense Reimbursements (Part A, column one)

Legislators are entitled to be reimbursed for conference fees, business phone calls in travel status, or other expenses. Receipts are turned in for reimbursement or direct payments are made to third parties.

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LEGISLATOR	Travel Expenses	Relocation Expenses	Total Reimbursed Expenses	Session Per Diem	Office/Expense Allowance	Long Term Per Diem	Salary	Total Compensation
AUSTERMAN, ALAN	14,929.93	4,320.80	19,250.73	17,288.00	8,000.00	5,700.00	24,012.00	29,712.00
BUCH, ROBERT	5,828.52	2,232.90	8,061.42	17,218.50	8,000.00	2,550.00	24,012.00	26,562.00
BUNDE, CON	1,437.29	1,636.95	3,074.24	17,218.50	10,000.00	4,950.00	24,012.00	28,962.00
CHENAULT, MIKE	19,541.74	3,211.51	22,753.25	17,288.00	8,000.00	39,450.00	24,512.00	63,962.00
CISSNA, SHARON	5,990.09	4,609.79	10,599.88	17,218.50	8,000.00	25,500.00	24,012.00	49,512.00
COGHILL, JOHN	23,593.54	1,282.60	24,876.14	17,288.00	8,360.37	21,900.00	24,012.00	45,912.00
CRAWFORD, HARRY	10,952.37	991.80	11,944.17	17,218.50	8,000.00	11,250.00	24,012.00	35,262.00
DAHLSTROM, NANCY	22,835.30	1,615.10	24,450.40	17,218.50	8,000.00	16,500.00	24,012.00	40,512.00
DAVIS, BETTYE	15,385.68	2,695.60	18,081.28	17,218.50	10,000.00	21,600.00	24,012.00	45,612.00
DOOGAN, MIKE	3,090.54	1,312.73	4,403.27	17,218.50	8,000.00	3,000.00	24,012.00	27,012.00
DYSON, FRED	11,932.94	1,359.09	13,292.03	17,218.50	10,000.00	18,150.00	24,012.00	42,162.00
EDGMON, BRYCE	34,401.17	5,388.94	39,790.11	17,288.00	8,000.00	16,650.00	24,012.00	40,662.00
EGAN, DENNIS	11,594.98	0.00	11,594.98	419.75	7,000.08	12,150.00	15,826.00	27,976.00
ELLIS, JOHNNY	12,182.96	3,169.35	15,352.31	17,218.50	10,000.00	21,000.00	24,012.00	45,012.00
ELTON, KIM	428.61	0.00	428.61	5,953.50	1,722.22	3,450.00	5,102.00	8,552.00

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FAIRCLOUGH, ANNA	13,312.56	2,710.89	16,023.45	17,218.50	8,000.00	12,000.00	24,012.00	36,012.00
FOSTER, NEAL	0.00	128.57	128.57	0.00	999.97	450.00	2,001.00	2,451.00
FOSTER, RICHARD	517.20	5,275.64	5,792.84	17,010.00	8,000.00	26,100.00	18,828.00	44,928.00
FRENCH, HOLLIS	4,986.10	1,682.70	6,668.80	17,218.50	10,000.00	8,700.00	24,012.00	32,712.00
GARA, LES	2,952.34	1,702.95	4,655.29	17,218.50	8,000.00	18,000.00	24,012.00	42,012.00
GARDNER, ALBERTA	8,106.25	3,755.51	11,861.76	17,218.50	8,000.00	10,650.00	24,012.00	34,662.00
GATTO, CARL	24,071.03	2,068.20	26,139.23	17,218.50	8,000.00	21,000.00	24,012.00	45,012.00
GRUENBERG, MAX	4,035.37	7,482.94	11,518.31	17,218.50	8,000.00	12,900.00	24,012.00	36,912.00
GUTTENBERG, DAVID	5,220.01	6,884.62	12,104.63	17,288.00	8,000.00	15,750.00	24,012.00	39,762.00
HARRIS, JOHN	21,530.02	2,541.32	24,071.34	17,288.00	8,000.00	29,850.00	24,012.00	53,862.00
HAWKER, MICHAEL	4,605.90	4,947.90	9,553.80	17,218.50	8,000.00	25,350.00	24,012.00	49,362.00
HERRON, BOB	22,645.06	5,847.03	28,492.09	17,288.00	8,000.00	12,150.00	24,012.00	36,162.00
HOFFMAN, LYMAN	44,693.26	6,579.97	51,273.23	17,288.00	10,000.00	23,700.00	24,012.00	47,712.00
HOLMES, LINDSEY	6,823.80	3,098.90	9,922.70	17,218.50	8,000.00	19,800.00	24,012.00	43,812.00
HUGGINS, CHARLES	34,715.29	2,898.61	37,613.90	17,288.00	10,000.00	15,450.00	24,012.00	39,462.00

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JOHANSEN, KYLE	27,064.85	1,866.00	28,930.85	17,288.00	8,000.00	23,700.00	24,012.00	47,712.00
JOHNSON, CRAIG	26,162.59	2,970.60	29,133.19	17,218.50	8,000.00	11,850.00	24,012.00	35,862.00
JOULE, REGGIE	27,993.97	6,043.12	34,037.09	17,288.00	8,000.00	18,000.00	24,012.00	42,012.00
KAWASAKI, SCOTT	11,409.14	3,439.95	14,849.09	17,288.00	8,000.00	23,250.00	24,012.00	47,262.00
KELLER, WES	11,891.39	3,595.76	15,487.15	17,218.50	8,000.00	23,550.00	24,012.00	47,562.00
KELLY, MICHAEL	3,374.80	4,011.06	7,385.86	17,288.00	8,000.00	9,600.00	24,012.00	33,612.00
KERTTULA, BETH	11,560.75	0.00	11,560.75	13,035.50	8,000.00	14,100.00	24,012.00	38,112.00
KOOKESH, ALBERT	10,148.95	3,966.02	14,114.97	17,288.00	10,000.00	20,700.00	24,012.00	44,712.00
LYNN, BOB	9,671.80	5,403.30	15,075.10	17,218.50	8,000.00	12,900.00	24,012.00	36,912.00
MCGUIRE, LESIL	50,146.68	2,828.75	52,975.43	17,218.50	10,000.00	14,250.00	24,012.00	38,262.00
MENARD, LINDA	7,990.82	5,799.78	13,790.60	17,218.50	10,000.00	19,200.00	24,012.00	43,212.00
MEYER, KEVIN	13,401.22	6,039.03	19,440.25	17,218.50	10,000.00	15,900.00	24,012.00	39,912.00
MILLETT, CHARISSE	25,912.30	4,560.73	30,473.03	17,218.50	8,000.00	26,400.00	24,012.00	50,412.00
MUÑOZ, CATHY	5,846.29	0.00	5,846.29	13,035.50	8,000.00	14,100.00	24,012.00	38,112.00
NEUMAN, MARK	14,271.06	8,486.34	22,757.40	17,288.00	8,000.00	19,500.00	24,012.00	43,512.00

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OLSON, DONNY	22,691.49	36,395.95	59,087.44	17,288.00	10,000.00	6,450.00	24,012.00	30,462.00
OLSON, KURT	27,890.23	5,258.40	33,148.63	17,288.00	8,000.00	19,500.00	24,012.00	43,512.00
PASKVAN, JOE	3,944.83	4,510.94	8,455.77	17,288.00	10,000.00	9,600.00	24,012.00	33,612.00
PETERSEN, PETE	9,153.48	2,109.60	11,263.08	17,218.50	8,000.00	9,300.00	24,012.00	33,312.00
RAMRAS, JAY	27,945.74	1,446.79	29,392.53	17,288.00	8,000.00	0.00	24,012.00	24,012.00
SALMON, WOODIE	7,366.78	2,418.25	9,785.03	17,288.00	8,000.00	23,850.00	24,012.00	47,862.00
SEATON, PAUL	5,886.65	2,852.82	8,739.47	17,288.00	8,000.00	17,850.00	24,012.00	41,862.00
STEDMAN, BERT	61,016.58	1,132.50	62,149.08	17,288.00	10,000.00	31,050.00	24,012.00	55,062.00
STEVENS, GARY	65,375.80	6,337.36	71,713.16	17,288.00	10,000.00	10,500.00	24,512.00	35,012.00
STOLTZE, BILL	10,252.24	2,765.55	13,017.79	17,218.50	8,000.00	17,700.00	24,012.00	41,712.00
THERRIAULT, GENE	18,980.27	3,350.90	22,331.17	17,288.00	7,027.78	16,500.00	16,826.00	33,326.00
THOMAS, JOE	13,122.09	762.70	13,884.79	17,288.00	10,000.00	8,400.00	24,012.00	32,412.00
THOMAS, WILLIAM	21,889.84	2,127.00	24,016.84	17,288.00	8,000.00	19,200.00	24,012.00	43,212.00
TUCK, CHRIS	8,921.08	4,569.80	13,490.88	17,218.50	8,000.00	2,700.00	24,012.00	26,712.00
WAGONER, TOM	19,558.33	2,601.70	22,160.03	17,288.00	10,000.00	4,800.00	24,012.00	28,812.00

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WIELECHOWSKI, BILL	17,342.59	2,205.90	19,548.49	17,218.50	10,000.00	14,550.00	24,012.00	38,562.00
WILSON, PEGGY	21,966.07	5,723.97	27,690.04	17,288.00	8,000.00	5,700.00	24,012.00	29,712.00
WILSON, TAMMIE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	623.79	1,800.00	819.00	2,619.00